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SUBJECT: SALT -- DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, MARCH 20, 1975
(SALT TWO -571)

1. IN ALMOST FOUR HOUR SESSION MARCH 20, DRAFTING GROUP DISCUSSED
ISSUES IN PREAMBLE, SOVIET ARTICLES I, II, III, VI AND US
ARTICLES I, III, V.

2. PREAMBLE DISCUSSION MOVED SIDES CLOSER TO PROVISIONALLY
AGREED LANGUAGE. KLOSSON MADE STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT ANY
MENTION IN PREAMBLE OF OCTOBER 1977 EXPIRATION OF IA WOULD NOT
PREJUDICE POSITION OF EITHER SIDE ON SUBSTANTIVE ARTICLES.
KARPOV AVOIDED COMMENT BY SAYING SOVIET SIDE TOOK NOTE OF STATEMENT.

3. IN DISCUSSING WHEN SYSTEMS TO BE COUNTED (SOVIET ARTICLE VI,
US ARTICLE III) KARPOV RESPONDED TO KLOSSON PROBING BY ASSERTING
THAT WORD "REPAIR" (REMONT) IN SOVIET DRAFT WAS MEANT TO ENCOMPASS
BOTH "OVERHAUL" (KAPITAL'NII REMONT) AND "REPAIR" (TEKUSHCHII
REMONT), WHICH TERMS WERE USED IN ABM TREATY. SOVIETS ALSO
PROPOSED TO COVER "CONVERSION" BY NEW PHRASE OF "MODERNIZA-
TION". KARPOV SAID SOVIET ARTICLE VI COVERS ALL STAGES IN-

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CLUDED IN US DRAFT.

4. KARPOV QUESTIONED NEED TO DESCRIBE FREEDOM-TO-MIX WITHIN 2400 AS "SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS" OF AGREEMENT (US DRAFT ARTICLE III), RATHER THAN SUBJECT ONLY TO CARRY-OVER OF IA ARTICLE I, AS NOTED IN AIDE-MEMOIRE AND IN SOVIET DRAFT ARTICLE III. KLOSSON AND EARLE NOTED PROVISION ON LAUNCHERS FOR HEAVY ICBMS, SCC DISMANTLING AND DESTRUCTION PROCEDURES, AND PERHAPS OTHERS WOULD ALSO IMPACT ON FREEDOM-TO-MIX. KARPOV MAINTAINED THAT SCC PROCEDURES WERE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT BUT DID NOT IMPINGE ON "RIGHT" OF MIXING, AND THAT HEAVY ICBM LAUNCHER PROVISION WAS "SUB-CATEGORY" WHICH DID NOT BEAR ON FREEDOM-TO-MIX AMONG "CATEGORIES" THEMSELVES.

5. ON CARRY-OVER OF IA ARTICLE I LIMITATION (US DRAFT ARTICLE V) KARPOV AVOIDED DIRECT RESPONSE TO KLOSSON QUERY AS TO WHETHER SOVIETS AGREED THAT RELOCATION WAS PROHIBITED UNDER IA. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT "NO QUESTIONS" HAD ARISEN ON THIS SUBJECT, AND AGREED TO STUDY US COMMENTS. ON CARRY-OVER PROVISION REGARDING HEAVY ICBM LAUNCHERS, KARPOV DISPUTED NEED TO CHANGE LANGUAGE FROM "LIGHT" TO "NON-HEAVY" JUST BECAUSE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN SOVIET MISSILES, BUT DID NOT SEEM SURPRISED WHEN EARLE ASKED HIM IF HE WOULD PREFER "LIGHT AND MEDIUM" TO "NON-HEAVY".

6. NEXT MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 24. JOHNSON

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